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Sheriff Clarke Applauds County Board Override of County Executive Abele's Veto

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke stated that today's override of County Executive Abele's veto that provides \$1.5 million to hire 30 additional deputies emphasizes the important role played by County Board Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic and her fellow supervisors regarding public safety in Milwaukee county.

The original resolution passed 16-2, and the override veto passed 17-1. Abele knew his veto would not sustain an override; the veto was nothing more than his continued personal vendetta against the Sheriff.

Sheriff Clarke indicates that he's facing severe staffing shortages in all areas of his responsibility. This is causing delayed responses on the freeway and for calls for service. The critical shortage delays the service of domestic abuse injunctions and other orders, and impacts services to the circuit courts, jail operations and investigative functions. It also curtails participation in community functions that strengthen the relationship between the sheriff's office and the public.

Abele spent \$263,000 of his personal wealth to try to defeat the Sheriff last fall. Abele continues to frustrate the will of the voters who elected Clarke to make public safety decisions.

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